

Chicago lawyer accused of attacking woman in car

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 EDWARDSVILLE - A Chicago lawyer was charged Wednesday with five felonies for allegedly assaulting a woman while driving his car on Interstate 55.

Meanith Huon, 38, was charged in Madison County Circuit Court with two counts of criminal sexual assault, two counts of criminal sexual abuse and a count of unlawful restraint.

Authorities said Huon allegedly lured a woman into a car he was driving Sunday night, then committed the alleged sexual acts on her while driving on I-55.

He allegedly forced the woman to perform a sex act on him, fondled her breast and genitals, and refused to let her out of the car while driving on the interstate into Madison County.

She told police she was able to jump out of the car as Huon was making a turn and had slowed almost to a stop. She suffered abrasions but got to a home in the 1200 block of New Douglas Road, New Douglas, and asked the residents to call police.

Madison County sheriff's deputies said the incident began as a result of the victim looking for a job on an Internet blog. After talking to Huon over the telephone and getting the impression that the job was in promoting alcohol sales in area taverns, she met Huon, who identified himself as "John," in downtown St. Louis.

After she got into the car, he told her that other women doing the promotional work for him were working at Pop's Saloon in Sauget. He offered to drive the victim there to check on the type of night the women were having.

However, he did not turn off at the exit to Sauget, but allegedly sexually abused and assaulted his passenger while driving on the interstate.

After the woman jumped from the car, Huon drove from the area, deputies said.

Det. Brad Wells of the Madison County Sheriff's Department said some information about Huon's identity was obtained by looking at images from security cameras in downtown St. Louis. Other information was obtained from communications records.

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Wells said some items were taken from the home as evidence.

Deputies still are processing the evidence in Chicago. Huon was held in Chicago and will be transported to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville.

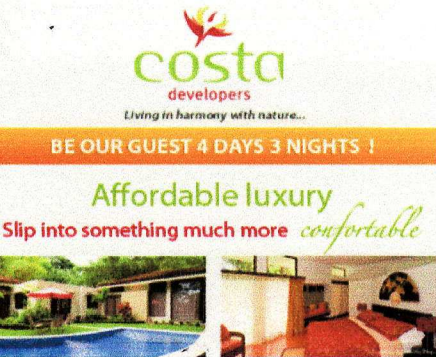
The investigation of Huon is ongoing, and attempts are being made to determine if other incidents exist," Wells said.

Huon's bail was set at \$100,000 by Circuit Judge Charles Romani Jr.

The Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission states Huon's license is in effect and that he has had no disciplinary actions against him. He has a Web site on which he states he practices in several different areas, including personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death.

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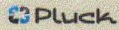
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